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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME - 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3)

This is a petition for an extension of time of three months to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 27, 2000. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$445 for the extension fees. Applicant hereby authorizes the Office to treat any reply in this application requiring a petition for an extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. To the extent any such response is not accompanied by a check sufficient to cover the required fees under 37 CFR 1.17 for such an extension of time, any deficiency in such fees may be charged to Deposit account 061910.

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Respectfully submitted,

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